



## Media Release

### Town of Bluffton Offers Major Home Repairs Program for Low-Income Residents A Grant Totaling \$142,662 Will Provide Repairs for Safer, Drier and Code Compliant Homes

Town of Bluffton staff members are seeking applicants for a grant totaling \$142,662 which will be used to repair homes to make them safer, drier and compliant with current building code requirements.

This home repair grant is a part of the Town's neighborhood assistance program which was established to increase the quality of life for all Bluffton residents while creating a safer community that retains its character and provides for affordable housing.

The Home Program Grant, which is federally-funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, is worth \$114,129. The Lowcountry Regional Housing Consortium, which is affiliated with Lowcountry Council of Governments, has also provided \$28,533 in matching funds. This grant will fund home repairs in the Town of Bluffton.

This program is available for anyone whose family income is less than 80% of the area median income for Beaufort County which translates to less than \$37,550 for a one-person household, \$42,900 for a two-person household and \$53,600 for a four-person household. Each household can receive up to \$25,000 worth of repairs on a first-come, first serve basis.

To qualify for grant-funded repairs:

- Home must be owner-occupied
- Home is primary residence
- Home cannot be manufactured or a mobile home
- The owner must be income-qualified
- The owner must be current with property taxes
- The home cannot be in foreclosure
- There cannot be any liens on the property.

If you would like to apply or refer a Town of Bluffton resident to this program, please contact the Growth Management Department Customer Service Center at (843) 706-4522.

The Town of Bluffton's neighborhood assistance program has assisted more than 50 residents since January 2010.